Mr. Simpson was selected from twenty finalists by an eleven member panel of educators, principals and state officials. This is the second consecutive year that a Keller teacher has been recognized.

Mr. Simpson turns his fourth-grade classroom into a comfortable learning environment for his students. He tries to attend numerous student activities such as recitals and football games, and it is not uncommon to see him eating lunch with his students.

Mr. Simpson will receive \$5,000 and a technology package worth \$15,000 for his award. He will be honored at a luncheon November 3, 2007, in Austin, Texas.

I would like to join Mr. Grant Simpson's family and friends in congratulating him on receiving this remarkable award. It is an honor to have such a prestigious teacher in the 26th district of Texas.

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{CONGRATULATING ALEXIS L.} \\ \text{TAYLOR} \end{array}$

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Miss Alexis L. Taylor of Keller High School in Keller, Texas, for being chosen as a semifinalist in the 44th Annual National Achievement Scholarship Program. It is an honor to have such a qualified student in the 26th District of Texas.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program began in 1964 as a way to provide

scholarships to promising black students. Since 1964, almost 28,000 students have been provided with scholarships totaling more than \$88 million.

Miss Taylor was one of 114 semifinalists from the State of Texas. She was chosen based on her Preliminary SAT scores. Finalists will be chosen based on abilities, achievements, and potential for success. The scholarship winners will be announced in April of 2008.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Miss Alexis L. Taylor and her family for her academic achievements at Keller High School. Her dedication and commitment to her education will lead her to great things. I wish her the best of luck with the remainder of the National Achievement Scholarship Program.

BOROUGH OF MOHNTON IN BERKS COUNTY 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2007

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Borough of Mohnton in Berks County, Pennsylvania which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year. Like many municipalities in the 6th District, the Borough of Mohnton has a rich and proud history that is the foundation for the strength and sense of community that its residents share today.

Monton officially became a borough in 1907 when it separated from Cumru Town-

ship. The community was previously known as Mohn's Store, or Mohnsville, in honor of founder Samuel K. Mohn, who opened a store and established a post office in 1857. Within the first year of the Borough's existence, the Mohnton Fire Co. No. 1 was organized, which consisted of a hand-drawn hose cart that was its only means of fighting fires. In 1909, the first Borough's high school graduating class had just four students. Today, the Borough is a part of the Governor Mifflin School District, which proudly boasts over 1400 students in high school alone. Over the years, the Borough has grown into a thriving community that epitomizes good neighbors and civic-mindedness

As a part of the festivities, the Borough has brought back another proud tradition that dates back a half-century. Back in the 1950s, Mohnton was the local hub of soap-box racing, with fans watching the races along Walnut Street. This tradition was rekindled by the Mohnton Lions Club this past summer and it was a great event for young and old alike.

This weekend's celebrations will include a Centennial Parade around the Northridge section of the community, followed by string bands, fireworks and other great musical performances.

I congratulate Mayor Richard Trostle and all of the other dedicated organizing members and volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this celebration so successful. I know all my colleagues join me today in congratulating the Borough of Mohnton and all its residents for 100 years of family, faith and tradition and we wish them another 100 years of community energy, vitality and success.